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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REGARDING Third party communications with the USPTO Relating to U.S. Patent No. 4,855,290, the Petition for Patent Term Extension, and the Certificate Extending Patent Term (photocopy mis-mailed 5 December 2005, original mailed 13 Jan. 2006) Our ref: 7398/71275

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act we request the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to produce copies of all communications between the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and entities (including natural persons) having no power of attorney to act in the Petition for Patent Term Extension, now granted, for U.S. Patent No. 4,855,290. The requested records include written and electronic – such as email – communications and any notes or other related Patent Office records. Upon present information these communications may have been directed to person(s) within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Patent Legal Administration.

Copies of emails in electronic format are requested for possible forensic analysis. However, documents that are image-accessible via the PTO Public Pair file history for U.S. Patent No. 4,855,290 are not part of this request.

Our ref: 7398/72175

This request is regrettably filed, but is necessitated because of the problems that have arisen because the power of attorney to the undersigned for this application and for the Petition for Patent Term Extension was not timely entered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. From 2002 to 2005 the official Patent Office communications regarding the Petition for patent term extension were directed to a law firm that had no power of attorney of record to act for the petitioner. This is because the Patent Office failed to enter the proper address change and proper power of attorney to the undersigned, which was first filed herein in 2002, see attached facsimile confirmations.

Unfortunately these Patent Office oversghts appear to have prompted one or more third parties, not of record in this matter, to become involved in the Petition process, including making request(s) to other third parties to file address changes despite apparently being informed to contact the undersigned.

Specifically, upon present information and belief certain third parties, including at least one individual with a law firm, sent emails to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Patent Legal Administration relating to the Petition and/or the Certificate Extending Patent Term.

A fee waiver is requested, see the Federal Register, volume 65, number 170, pages 52920 – 52923 (August 31, 2000), and alternatively we petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181, 1.182 and/or 1.183 to have the FOIA fee rules suspended and the petition fee can be charged to our deposit account 06-1135 regarding our order number 7398/71275.

If the Patent Office written decision is against the fee waiver, then contingently, "document" reproduction/searching charges up to \$100 can be charged to our deposit account 06-1135 regarding our order number 7398/71275. Again, contingently, if the reproduction costs will exceed \$100, then please contact the undersigned counsel for Requestor.

Expedited consideration is respectfully solicited.

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We thank you in advance for your cooperation and kind assistance.

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